

provided \$180.86 million in direct procurement awards to small disadvantaged/minority business enterprises. During that same period of time \$43.7 million were awarded to 2nd tier disadvantage/minority subcontracts.

Mr. Smith, who is also a longtime civil rights activist, has held a host of positions on local, state and national committees, commissions and organizations. He has long been involved in leadership positions in a myriad of community activities relating, but not limited, to entrepreneurship, mentoring, youth awareness, community economic development, education, fairness in law enforcement/equity in justice and diversity.

Prior to assuming his position with the laboratory, Mr. Smith was the San Francisco Regional Director for the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Compliance Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Previous to that he was a police officer for the Richmond (CA) Police Department.

Mr. Smith received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from California State university at Hayward; earned a Masters in Public Administration Degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco; was a Ph.D. candidate in Public Administration at Golden Gate University (ABD) and holds several professional certificates in Management and Public Administration.

Mr. Speaker, today, I join with the organizers, sponsors and most of my Congressional colleagues in expressing my sincere congratulations to Marvin Smith for his commendable efforts and contributions to minority businesses.

Thank you for your commitment and service.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATION CORPS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of the San Francisco Conservation Corps.

In 1983, the San Francisco Conservation Corps was one of the first urban youth corps ever established to combine job skills training and academic enhancement. Fifteen years later, over 200 million hours of community service have been performed by the San Francisco Conservation Corps and 130 youth corps groups have been created nationwide.

In San Francisco, Corpsmembers who range in age from 12 to 24 years provide a range of public benefit services while engaged in academic enrichment programs. Corps-

members perform community outreach in schools, seismic retrofit and lead dust reduction in homes for low-income residents, install play structures for children, preserve and restore native habitats in the Presidio and coordinate neighborhood projects based on needs assessments conducted by high school aged Corpsmembers—to list just a few of their community contributions.

Through the San Francisco Conservation Corps Center's Environment-Community-Outreach Center (ECO), The Learning Center, and the Community Service and Training Center, urban youth learn the importance of teamwork, leadership, community service, and academic achievement. Most importantly, Corpsmembers develop a "can-do" attitude building self confidence.

The ECO Center provides job training, environmental education, and academic programs to adolescents and young adults in the Corps. This specialized training engages participants in technological and multi-media skills and activities necessary to prepare for today's job market.

The Learning Center focuses on challenging Corpsmembers to reach their highest level of educational achievement and aids in successful job placement. As a result, Corpsmembers are encouraged toward a commitment to life-long learning.

The Community Service and Training Center prepares young adults for a career and higher education. It serves to provide participants with confidence, strong work ethics, and responsibility to become effective community leaders.

On Saturday, September 26, 1998, the San Francisco Conservation Corps will host their 15th anniversary celebration. I salute the San Francisco Conservation Corps, its youth, staff and supporters for the important contribution to empowering urban youth to improve their lives while also working to improve San Francisco neighborhood communities.

Congratulations to the Corps on its 15th Anniversary. Our community appreciates and celebrates the Corps' leadership in support of youth, education and training, and community service. I extend special thanks and congratulations to Corpsmembers, Staff, Board Members, Executive Director Ann Cochrane, and Justice J. Anthony Kline on this special occasion.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE KENNETT GRANGE NO. 19

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an organization celebrating its 125th anniversary in my district in Pennsylvania.

The Kennett Grange No. 19 is now celebrating 125 years of continuous service to our area. Founded in the Borough of Kennett Square in 1873, this chapter is presently the third oldest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, although it was the 19th one organized.

In 1932 when the Kennett School District consolidated, the members purchased the original Greenwood School building in Kennett Township and have been meeting there ever since. Now that is impressive! The dedication of the community to the continuation of this Grange must be commended.

On a local, county, state, and national level, this Grange has made a difference! Your active commitment has not gone unnoticed.

So today, I want to honor the Kennett Grange for the way they encourage family participation and promote community service and education here in Chester County and across the nation.

I and to wish them continued blessing. Here's to another 125 years!

A TRIBUTE TO TOGETHERNESS WITH LOVE CENTER ON THEIR SECOND ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay a special tribute to Togetherness With Love Center, Inc., an organization in my district which has worked to provide social services to low income families.

In 1993, Together With Love was founded in Brooklyn, New York by Mr. Cyril Joseph. He originally started this organization as a neighborhood alternative to the often overcrowded municipal soup kitchens in the area. Operating out of a tiny basement shop on DeKalb Ave., Mr. Joseph with the help of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Jesus Cares Ministries began to distribute food to those in need.

Since its founding, Togetherness With Love has added 24 new staff members and has become a vital part of the community I serve. Most of those who enter its doors on a daily basis receive aid on health and immigrant issues, as well as assistance in employment and housing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in acknowledging and thanking the men and women of the Togetherness With Love Center for their excellent service and dedication